With regard to the maintenance of canals, I understand that you want only their being cleared of obstructions. That will be looked into and the needful done.

As regards the Karunagapalli market landing place, you mentioned that *poramboke*s have been registered in the names of private individuals and that these lands should be acquired. That matter will be considered.

As regards the schemes relating to the supply of water from the Kulakkada river and the Sastankotta lake, the latter is not feasible and the former is a costly affair.

Re. the restoration of tanks, it would be very well if you could tell us what tanks are in urgent need of repair, so that we may take them up, and the Chief Engineer will be asked to do the needful in the matter.

Re. the segregation hospital at Ochira, you referred to some correspondence showing what has already been done. Some land has been acquired. I understand that Government ordered that the opening of a Leper Asylum at Padanayarkulangara was unnecessary, and that the disposal of lands acquired for this asylum, as at first contemplated, is pending consideration. The matter will again be referred to the Darbar Physician.

You referred to local boards and Village Panchayats. A Bill on the subject is pending legislation. You stated that no cess should be levied. Of course it is a matter for legislation. It will be considered when the Village Panchayat Bill comes before the Legislative Council.

As regards deepening the Malimel *todu* from Valiatura landing upwards, the Government will ask the Chief Engineer to report after inspection. He will also be asked to see whether your suggestions regarding dredging can be carried out.

121. Needs of the Karunagapalli taluk.

Mr. V. Krishnaswami Aiyar (Member, Karunagapalli taluk) represented the need for carrying out the following works :—

(1) Reconstruction of the Kannetti bridge.

(2) Gravelling the road from Alumkadavu to Karunagapalli and putting up a jetty at Maruturkulangara.

(3) Opening a road from Kannetti bridge to Kozhikkodu leading to the backwater.

(4) Gravelling the road from Kuttivattam, Karunagapalli-Kamankulamgara road, to the 4th mile, Chavara-Sastankotta road.

(5) Constructing a bridge across the Nindakara bar or making other suitable provision for the transport of cars and other vehicles across the bar.

(6) Construction of a T. B. or a satrom at Karunagapalli for the convenience of officers and travellers.

(7) Conversion of the local dispensary into a hospital.

(8) Making suitable provision for Sriramapuram market.

(9) Construction of a building for locating the Munsiff's court.

(10) Construction of embankments on both sides of the Chavara canal.

(11) Opening a cattle pound at Karunagapalli.

President's reply.—Mr. Krishnaswami Aiyar, you said that the road should be extended up to the lamp post or the jetty must be extended to the south-west. The Chief Engineer says that he will do the needful. As regards the gravelling of the road, we shall call for an estimate.

Member.—There is one already.

President.—It is a big one and it will have to be revised.

As regards a bridge at Nindakara, it is a very costly affair. After all, as you yourself have stated, everything resolves itself into a question of finance.

So far as transport is concerned, from what the Chief Engineer says, I understand that there is no difficulty of the kind you mention, *viz.*, that you have to

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wait for hours before you can get the services of the jungharman. A bigger junghar will be arranged for, if traffic increases.

Member.—I submit that traffic does not increase because there are no facilities.

President.—For the present, if the junghar that is now plying is found to be unsatisfactory, the Government are prepared to put up a bigger junghar for the convenience of passengers and for vehicular traffic.

As for a T. B. or satrom at Karunagapalli, nothing is definitely decided so far about the removal of the camp shed to which you have referred. The question of a satrom will be referred to the Dewan Peishkar and the Maramat Engineer.

About the conversion of the local dispensary into a hospital, the Darbar Physician reports that there is no necessity for the same and that the improvement of the dispensary and the construction of an emergency ward will be enough to meet all the present requirements. An estimate has been called for as regards the construction of an emergency ward and the putting up of the sheds. The estimate has not yet been received and a reminder will be sent.

Arrangements for the opening of a cattle pound will be made.

Your representation as regards the Munsiff's court buildings will also be considered.

As regards the construction of embankments on the Chavara canal—you mean the protective walls on the sides of the canal—an interpellation was asked at the last meeting of the Legislative Council, and all that the Government can now say is that the Peishkar will be asked to inspect the localities affected and submit a report.

The Assembly adjourned at 5-35 P. M.

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